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Senator D'Amato
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C.

constituent wants letter to
Argentine president asking release
of unlawfully held prisoners.

Dear Senator:

I am writing as a member of Amnesty International,
a non-partisan human rights organization that was the recipient
of the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize. Our only concern is to eradicate
human rights violations wherever they exist. I enclose an
article from the New York Times describing our work.

Our group has adopted as one of our three prisoners of
conscience, Gabriel Oscar MAROTTA of Argentina. Arrested in
April 1976 and ordered released by an Argentine judge under
decree 2441 dated October 14, 1976, he is still in jail, five
years later, even though he has never been charged with a crime
or tried. Under Article 23, Mr. Marotta is constitutionally
guaranteed the right to opt for exile, rather than face lengthy
imprisonment. Although the U.S. government has awarded him a
Certificate of Acceptability for the U.S.A. Hemispheric Parole
Program, Mr. Marotta has not been allowed to emigrate.

Could you please write to Excelentisimo Senor Presidente
de la Republica Argentina General Roberto Viola, Casa de Gobierno,
Balcarce 50, Buenos Aires, Argentina and ask that Mr. Marotta
be immediately released as the judge ordered in 1976. Please
do not mention Amnesty International by name since that might
harm Mr. Marotta. When you write, please send me a copy.

Your one letter could release this man from years of
torture and unlawful imprisonment.

Sincerely,

Diane Wolfthal
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co-signers:

[Handwritten signatures: Susan Karp, Janice Nelson, John H. ...]

Amnesty International is a worldwide human rights movement which works impartially for the release of prisoners of conscience: men and women detained anywhere for their beliefs, color, ethnic origin, sex, religion or language, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence. Amnesty International opposes torture and the death penalty in all cases without reservation and advocates fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners. Amnesty International is independent of all governments, political factions, ideologies, economic interests and religious creeds. It has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC), UNESCO and the Council of Europe. It has cooperative relations with the Inter American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, and has observer status with the Organization of African Unity (Bureau for the Placement and Education of African Refugees). Amnesty International was the recipient of the 1977 Nobel Prize for Peace.

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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny
Exemption(s):
Declassify: ☐ In Part ☐ In Full
☐ Classify as ☐ Extend as ☐ Downgrade to
Date ☐ Declassify on ☐ Reason